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In the application of	:	
C.K. GHOSH ET AL.	:	Group Art Unit 1751
Serial No. 10/047,689	:	Examiner Eisa B. Elhilo
Filed January, 15 2002	:	Confirmation No.: 4733
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 TO
WITHDRAW THE EXAMINER'S HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the Examiner's holding of abandonment of the above-identified case for an alleged failure to timely respond to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2003. Applicants believe that there is no fee required with the filing of this petition; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, including fees required to make any additional copies of this petition, to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company therefor.

REMARKS

With regard to the above-identified Application, Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment mailed by the PTO on October 2, 2003 (copy enclosed) stating that this Application is abandoned in view of Applicants' failure to timely file a response within the statutory period of six months from the

mailing date of the Office Action. Applicants submit that the Examiner's holding of abandonment is erroneous for the following reasons:

1. On March 25, 2003, Applicants received a final Office Action mailed by the PTO on March 20, 2003 (copy enclosed). The time period for response within the statutory period of six months fell on Saturday, September 20, 2003. As a result, the time period for response tolled until Monday, September 22, 2003.

2. On Monday, September 22, 2003, Applicants' attorney filed a proper response to said Office Action. The response included: an amendment in response to the final office action; a PTO SB30 RCE transmittal; and a PTO SB17 fee transmittal. The response was sent via facsimile to the Examiner's attention at Technical Center 1700 (copy enclosed). The Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission confirmation sheet (copy enclosed) generated by the PTO indicates that 14 pages (including the cover page), which constituted Applicants' response, were received by the PTO on September 22, 2003 at 3:37 p.m., EST.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants seek favorable action by the Commissioner to reverse the Examiner's holding of abandonment of the above-identified Application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the response to the Office Action be viewed as having been filed in a timely fashion and that the processing of the Application to issuance be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

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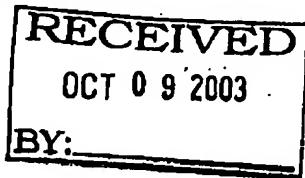


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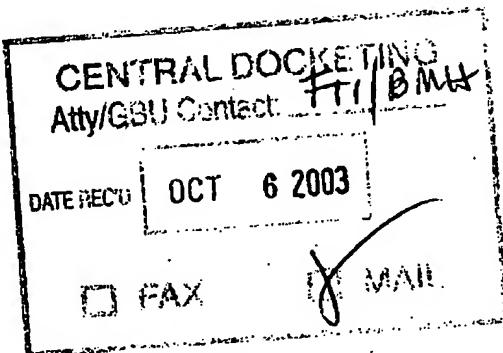


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Notice of Abandonment

Application N.	Applicant(s)
10/047,889	GHOSH ET AL.
Eisa B Elhilo	1751

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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 20 March 2003.
 - (a) A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) A proposed reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.88(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) No reply has been received.

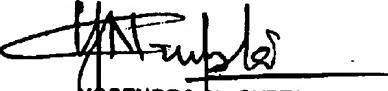
2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTO-85).
 - (a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTO-85).
 - (b) The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.

3. Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) No corrected drawings have been received.

4. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.

5. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
 - The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

7. The reason(s) below:



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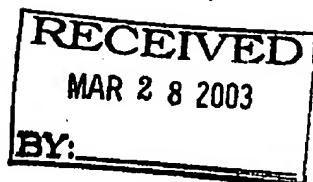
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 47-71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 47-71 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

- 1 This action is responsive to the remarks filed on January 21, 2003.
- 2 The rejection of claims 47-71 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baeck et al. (US 5,679,630) in view of Aaslyng et al. (US 6,197,567), is maintained for the reasons set forth in the previous office action on paper No. 3, dated 7/18/2002.

Response to Applicant's Arguments

- 3 Applicant's arguments filed on 1/21/2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With respect to the rejection based upon Baeck (US' 630) in view of Aaslyng (US' 567), Applicant argues that there is no motivation to combine the references.

The examiner respectfully disagrees with the above argument because Baeck (US' 630) as a primary reference teaches and discloses a protease-containing cleaning composition comprising a protease variant having an amino acid sequences derived by replacing of amino acid residues that corresponding to positions 76 and 103 with one or more other amino acids correspond to different positions (see col. 3, lines 12-31). Aaslyng (US' 567) teaches in analogous art detergent composition comprising a modified protease variants that include different amino acid sequences relative to their parent proteases among the amino acids residues corresponds to positions at any one or more positions such as position 76 (see col. 21, lines 25-28) and at least one further amino acids residues occupying other positions such as 103 (see col. 21, lines 39). Further, Aaslyng teaches that the decrease in the NEC of the enzyme under circumstances could results in an improved wash performance of the enzymes (see col. 20, lines 22-30), and, thus, a person of the ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to modify the

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protease enzymes as taught by Aaslyng for a reasonable expectation of success. Therefore, there is a motivation to combine the references. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eisa B Elhilo whose telephone number is (703) 305-0217. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (7:30-5:00) with alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (703) 308-4708. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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The revised amendment format is essentially the same as the amendment format for the specification, claims, and drawings that the Office is considering adopting via a revision to 37 CFR 1.121 (Manner of Making Amendments). The revision to 37 CFR 1.121 (if adopted) will simplify amendment submission and improve file management. This proposed revision and others necessary to facilitate a gradual transition to the use of an Electronic File Wrapper (EFW) will be set forth in a Notice of Proposed Rule making (NPR), expected to be published by March 2003. After consideration of public comments, the Office anticipates adopting a revision to § 1.121, following publication of a Notice of Final Rule making (NFR), expected by June 2003, at which point compliance with revised § 1.121 will be mandatory.

The Office will continue to accept your amendment submissions in the revised format during the voluntary period, which will extend up to the effective date of final revisions to § 1.121. The Office also encourages your feedback on the proposed revised amendment format and other changes set forth in the NPR, expected to be published by March 2003.

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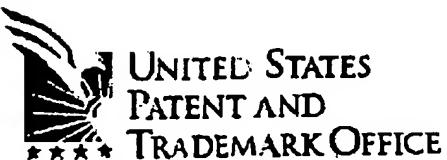
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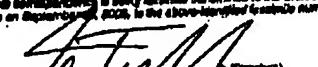
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